of Maharashtra and Gujarat district-wise as on 31st October, 1993 ;

(b) what is the number of major hospitals among them and what facilities are available in these major hospitals ;

(c) the number of doctors and other special experts working is these major hospitals ;

(d) whether there are any vacancies of the specialised doctors in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(e) what is the number of dispensaries without doctors in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(f) what steps are being taken to improve the functioning of dispensaries and hospitals all over the country particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Difficulties faced by the Workers of Co-operative Societies

1308. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI-NANDAN IAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about difficulties being faced by workers of co-operative societies in getting permission to revive sick industrial units ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether Government propose to set-up a Central Agency to examine such proposals of workers' societies for their speedy clearance ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): fa) to (d) According to the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, it is mandatory for management of a sick industrial company (large and medium) industries employing more than 50 persons and included in the first schedule to the industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Revival of sick industrial companies through workers' cooperative is one of the measures envisaged under the Act. Proposals of workers for revival of sick industrial companies, whenever received, are considered on merits by the BIFR. Ministry of Labour as a matter of general policy does encourage, infer alia, rehabilitation schemes through workers' cooperatives. Industry-wise Tripartite Cqmmittees have resolved that at the enterprise level, the management and employees could get together and formulate rehabilitation proposals and bring up the same for consideration by the respective committee. Such proposals can also be cooperative based ones. So far no proposal of Workers' cooperatives for taking over sick industrial units in pursuance of these deliberations has been received.

Loss of Mandays

1309. SHRI MOHAMMEDBHAI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any Survey regarding loss of mandays in various States during 1992-93;

(b) if so, whether the State of West Bengal has stood first in loss of mandays and the State of Gujarat was lowest;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the loss of mandays in various States of the country; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to reduce these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Labour Bureau collect information cu mandays lost due to strikes, lockouts etc. According to available infor-mation, mandays lost in the State of West Bengal was the Highest during 1992 and 1993 (Jan—Sept). Mandays lost was not lowest in Gujarat considering the total